



CITY OF MERCED

City Council Chamber
Merced Civic Center
2nd Floor
678 W. 18th Street
Merced, CA 95340

Minutes

City Council/Public Finance and Economic Development Authority/Parking Authority

Monday, February 26, 2018

6:00 PM

Tenaya Town Hall

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor MURPHY called the Town Hall Meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

Clerk's Note: The Town Hall Meeting was held at Tenaya Middle School, 760 W. 8th Street, Merced, CA.

A.1. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

B. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Council Member Anthony Martinez, Mayor Pro Tempore Jill McLeod, Council Member Joshua Pedrozo, Council Member Matthew Serratto, Mayor Mike Murphy, and Council Member Kevin Blake

Absent: 1 - Council Member Michael Belluomini

C. OPENING COMMENTS

C.1. Mike Murphy - Mayor

Mayor MURPHY welcomed everyone to the Town Hall and had the Council Members introduce themselves.

Clerk's Note: Council Member BELLUOMINI arrived at 6:09 PM.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Fernando ECHEVARIA - spoke on youth programs, the VIPER Program, more police interaction, shot spotter technology, safe schools, a Southside Merced grocery store, and a Latino Police Chief.

Isia XIONG - spoke on the cannabis tax revenue, using that tax money for youth prevention and police interaction with the community.

Anabel SERNA - spoke on safe school routes.

Tracy GANNON - spoke on sidewalks on Martin Luther King Jr. Way and the CP42 proposed park.

Ron DEANDA - spoke on getting a grocery store in Southside Merced and lengthy timelines for projects to come to fruition.

Connie MENDOZA - spoke on the playground equipment at Applegate Park, bathrooms at Applegate Park, and homeless at Applegate Park.

Isai PALMA - spoke on the cannabis tax use.

Kristen SULLIVAN - spoke on the cannabis tax measure for youth programs and youth activities.

Sol RIVAS - spoke on the cannabis tax and investment the tax dollars in the youth.

Juan HARO - spoke on a neighborhood park on Childs and T Street, improving park restrooms, and more police presence.

Rodrigo ESPINOSA (County Supervisor) - spoke on parks in Southside Merced, maintenance at the parks, street sweepers, homeless, and the need for more shading at parks.

Merced Resident - spoke on funding for recreation and parks, affordable and safe housing, and additions to Applegate Park.

Adilene PENA - spoke on a neighborhood park on Childs and T Street, abandon cars, drug dealing at the neighborhood park, more police patrolling in South Merced, street light repair, and more lighting at Applegate Park.

Claudia HURTADO - spoke on safer roads and lowering the speed limits.

Ron DEANDA - spoke on safer roads, having a traffic officer at El Capitan High School to patrol traffic.

Lilian PRADO - spoke on a Southside Merced grocery store, street improvements in Southside Merced, and building communities together.

E. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council thanked everyone for attending the Town Hall Meeting.

Mayor MURPHY acknowledged more people from the public wanting to speak.

Mark CHALICO - spoke on Building Healthy Communities collaborating with the City for an all wheels skate park.

Eric MOORE - spoke on the Recreation and Parks Commission.

Daniel PULIDO - spoke on his soccer organization collaborating with the City.

Adilene PENA - spoke on having an indoor farmers market and how the community can help to get a grocery store in Southside Merced.

Natalie - spoke on safer school routes.

Maribell ROMERO - spoke on a grocery store in South Merced.

Director of Public Works Ken ELWIN discussed the progress of the N Street project.

Mayor MURPHY spoke on the arts commission stakeholders meeting on March 9th.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk's Note: The Town Hall Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.